

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph beginning at page 14, line 9 is amended as follows:

--As shown in Fig. 3A, housing 102 in this embodiment incorporates an osmotic cell 120 that includes an osmotic membrane (such as Nafion® or any cation or anion membrane) in communication with antimicrobial sponge 106 placed within cavity 130 of housing 102 of device 10. Osmotic cell 120 also includes saturated salt solution/or salt pellet 122 in chamber 124 so that fluids from sponge are pulled into osmotic cell 120 and stored in chamber ~~122~~ 124, thereby generating a vacuum within cavity 130 and over the wound. In this embodiment, and similar to oxygen introducing means 110, device 10 includes water injection means 125 to introduce water into cavity 130 so that sponge 106 is saturated with water. Again as in other devices such as shown in Figs. 1, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A, and 2B, sealing means 108 is a sealing disc 132 which is pulled away by seal tab 133 before the device is placed on the wound of the patient. Many osmotic membranes are available commercially, any of which could be included in the present invention.--